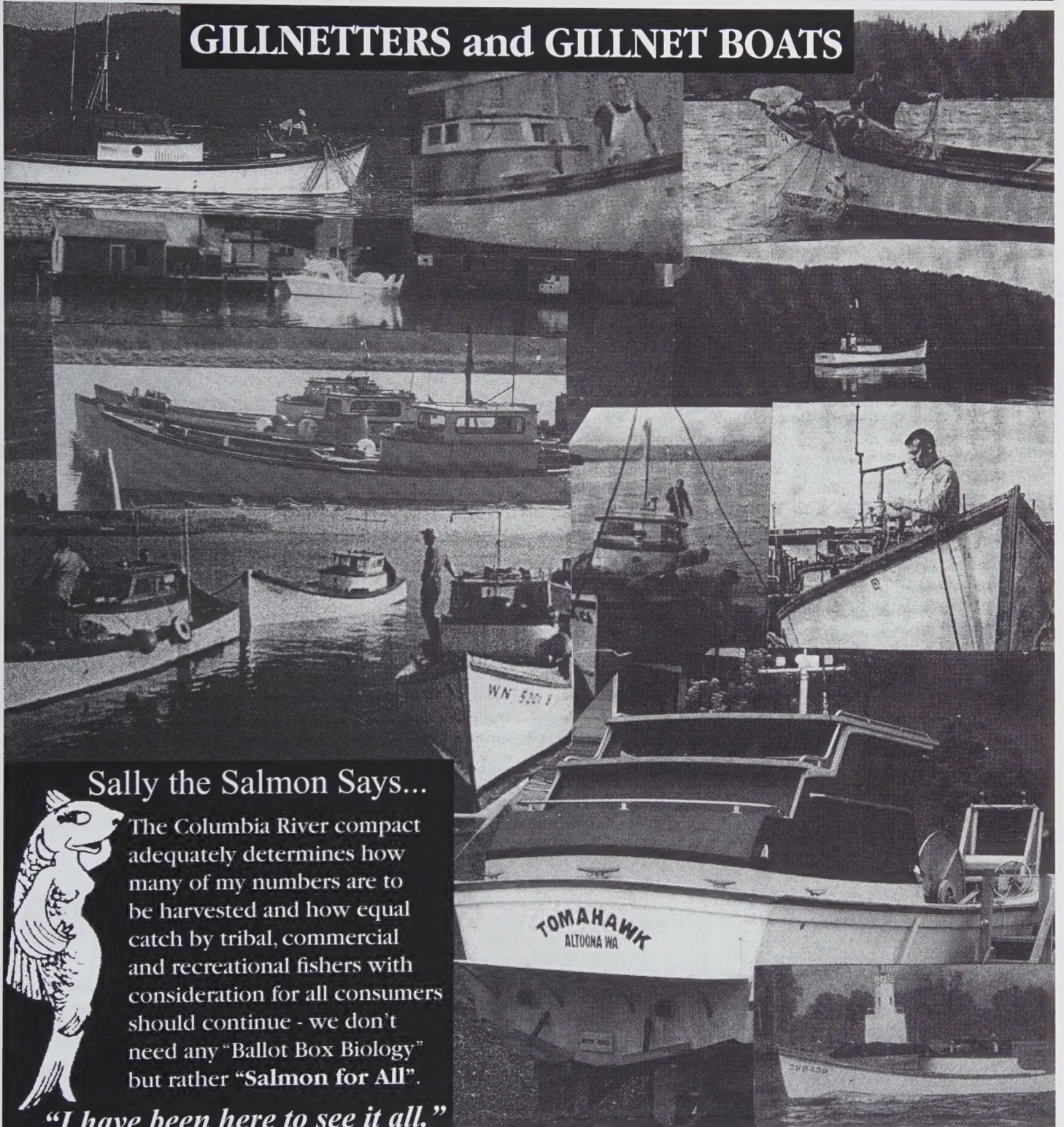


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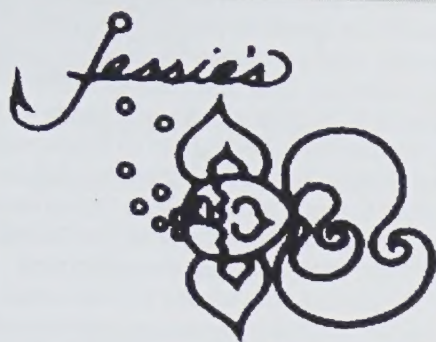
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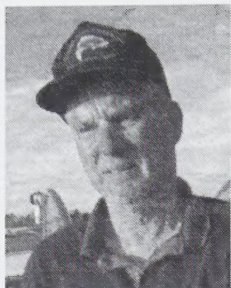
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From The Editor

Oregon Ballot Measure #81

We are faced with a dilemma of very serious magnitude here in Oregon this fall and in particular in the Astoria area and along the Columbia River. On the upcoming November Oregon election ballot is Measure #81. If passed, it would for the most part, end commercial fishing as we know it on the Columbia River, leaving all salmon harvesting to the sport fishing crowd.

This ill-advised measure has been promoted by a national organization, Coastal Conservation Association or CCA, with the aid of certain local over-zealous sport fishing enthusiasts located in the Metropolitan Willamette Valley. One over eager sport fisherman has donated \$500,000.00 to the cause. One of the oldest industries providing jobs, income, and food fish for Oregon's residents would have one big phase eliminated.

The salmon fishing industry on the Columbia River that along with farming and timber helped to found our state in the 19th century and keep it going during the depressions and downturns of the 20th century would be crippled. It is not something that we need to look forward to. Ballot Measure Number 81 needs to be voted down...and eliminated. We urge a NO vote.

We have a very adequate system of Biologists and Fish Managers within the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. They work cooperatively with the same components in the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife in the Columbia River compact to set seasons and formulate regulations. On the River this system has worked adequately over the years and needs to be left alone to operate in the future. We don't need political inspired "Ballot Box Biology" such as we have with Measure #81. But believe rather, that cooperation and "Salmon For All" is the better attitude. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it".

The salmon consuming, non-fishing taxpayers of Oregon would be left holding an empty bag under this plan.

Somewhere around 10% or less of Oregon's residents are active sport fishermen. Quality Columbia River Salmon, served in our restaurants and sold in the fish markets would be ended. The needs of the consumer are ignored in Measure #81. No more spring and summer Chinook or fall Coho would be available to them, which leads us to the question, "Who owns the salmon and fish in the stream and waters of Oregon including the Columbia River?"

Too Little - Too Late - Where is our Governor?

Our Oregon Governor has finally awakened by announcing that he opposes Measure No. 81, and proposes a plan of his own. Where has he been hiding out while all this has been going on? As our executive leader here in Oregon, he should have taken action weeks and months ago when this situation was developing. There is no way that one part of the state should dictate to another part and he could very probably have avoided this nasty situation we find ourselves in from getting as bad as it is now. Our two Governors "K" in the past 16 plus years have done little to help and communicate with the rural population of our state to help solve their problems and this is particularly true with the fishing industry in Astoria. They have pretty much ignored us. Our state has four corners to it as well as the big line down the middle of the Willamette Valley.

The Governor's late plan still proposes to move the Commercial Gillnet gear into the select area side channels and out of the Columbia River main stream. Where does this leave the Oregon consumer? And the Historic Gillnet Fleet? The side bays and waterways, such as Youngs Bay, away from the river mid channels was never intended to replace the main fishery and those of us that are experienced in these areas are well aware that there just is not enough room in them to carry on a fishery of any magnitude. Our organizations both historic CRFPU and Salmon For All believe in just that ... "SALMON FOR ALL". For the Tribal Fishery above Bonneville, for the sport fishery, and finally for the consumer based Commercial Fishery, working cooperatively together.

This is not a conservation measure as the CCA and Sport Fishing enthusiasts would like you to believe and tried to advocate, but rather a greedy allocation issue away from the consumer and increase for the sport fishermen. It is un-

fortunate for salmon that all of the dollars being spent on the Measure could not be used cooperatively on direct help for Columbia River anadromous fish, that need it so badly. Vote NO on Measure #81.

We take this opportunity to thank retiring Oregon Power Planning and Conservation Council member Joan Dukes from Svensen for all her efforts on our behalf over the years. She has served us well in the fishing industry for several terms. This last term she served as chairwoman of the council that originated in 1980 to balance equity between the power needs of the BPA and migrating salmon, both adult and fingerling, responsibilities in their movement up and down the Columbia River around the many huge dams as well as their proper water needs. A tip of our well used CRFPU and SALMON FOR ALL caps to you, Joan.

Much appreciation also to our Oregon State Legislators, Senator Betsy Johnson, and Representatives, Brad Witt and Debra Boone, for everything they have done to help keep a positive fishing attitude on the river.

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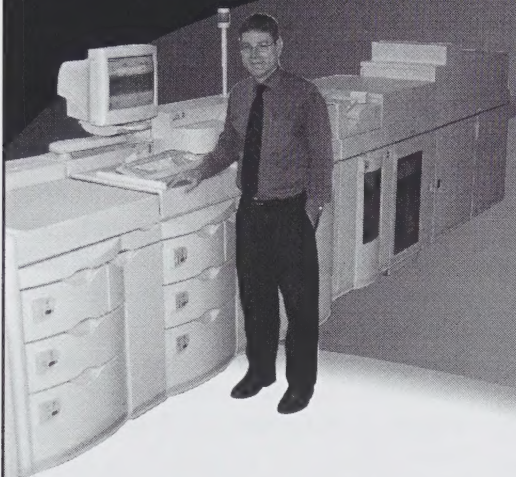
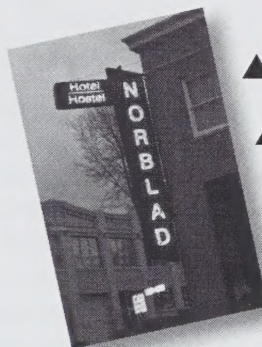
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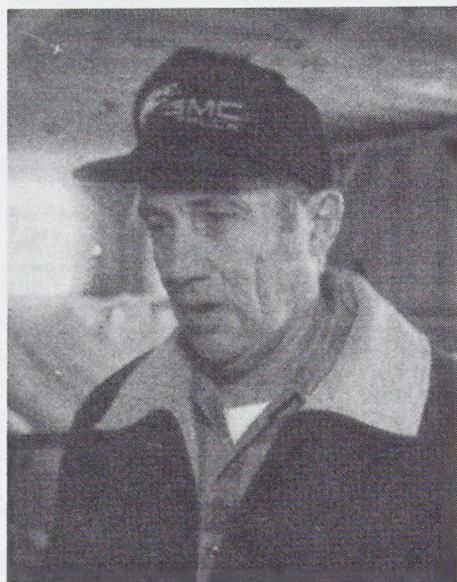


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"WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR SHARE"

I have been a part of Commercial Fishing on the Columbia River for a better part of sixty years and in later years have been working actively with the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union.

Now looking back at this year of 2012 we are on the way to setting a record for the least amount of fishing time on the Columbia. This is the second year in a row that over half of our fishermen have not had an August season except for nine hours in the first week before the fish entered the Columbia River. August has to be traditionally from the past our best season, sending our fishermen up into Zones 4 and 5 the Metro Area has hurt us more from the public relations standpoint than the good that we have gotten out of it.

We are in a fish fight come Election Day, November 7. Now we are being held off the Lower Columbia being told to protect the lower river stocks.

Yesterday (September 5th) as we drove down I-5 from Portland and crossed the Longview Bridge, I was shocked to see three rows of the "Hog Lines" below the bridge!

Why aren't they above the Lewis River

as we are? "I guess the Tule's don't bite and if they do they can just release them because the Sports are protected by "Catch and Release" which is the biggest farce in all of fish management!"

We have attended compact meetings for many years and have never asked for any more than a fair share. Up to now we have had less than 48 hours of fishing time in the lower three Zones where 90% of the fishermen on both sides of the River have for three and four and five generations set up their home, raised their families, supported their local communities and fished their Historical Fishing Grounds.

We have seen a million fish pass by our doors and our harvest numbers are less than 20%.

Let's face it, you men who set our seasons, there must be a better, fairer way to allocate this fishery! We sincerely believe in "Salmon for All".

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and respect to the late John McGowan for his years of service to CRPA and later as longtime President of Bumble Bee Seafoods in Astoria.

He was a gentleman who treated all in the Columbia River Salmon and Pacific Ocean Tuna Fishery with a high level of esteem and equality. We will not soon forget his many contributions.

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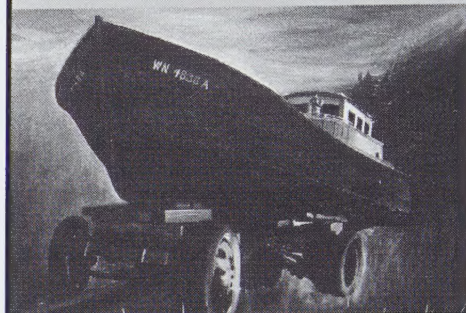
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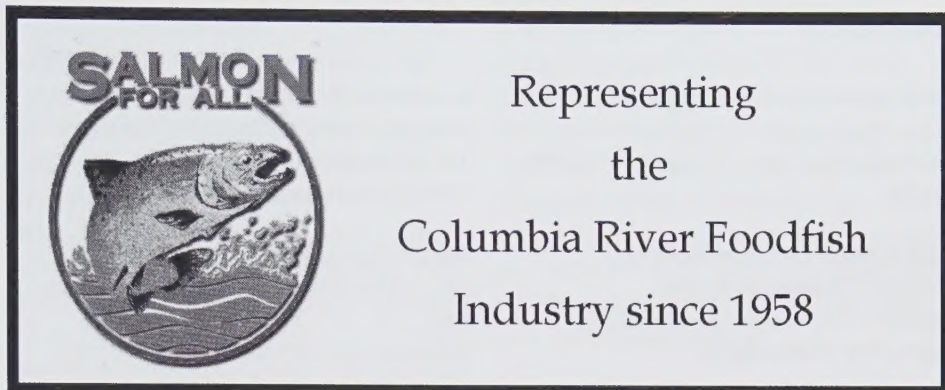
Measure 81 and Governor Kitzhaber's Salmon Plan

As surely everyone knows by now, Initiative Petition 21 had enough signatures to qualify for the Oregon ballot. It has been designated as Ballot Measure 81, and will appear under that number on the November ballot. Measure 81 is a total ban on the commercial take of salmon with gillnets and tangle nets in the "inland waters of Oregon." Tribal fisheries in pursuit of treaty rights are excepted from the gillnet ban. The state cannot dictate the gear used by tribal fishermen anyway. The Treaty Tribes, acting through the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, are co-managers of Columbia River fisheries themselves.

Measure 81 is a bad measure from a great number of perspectives. Probably the one most people find unfair, is that while Oregon non-Indian gillnet fishermen will be put out of work, Washington gillnet fishermen will still be able to fish under Washington law. But, Oregon canners, wholesalers, buyers, AND consumers will be prohibited from buying the fish legally caught with gillnets and tangle nets in the Washington waters of the Columbia. In his analysis of what the measure does, Oregon's Attorney General even stated that it was unclear whether non-Indian consumers would also be prohibited from buying the fish caught in tribal fisheries.

If Measure 81 passes, those of us who cherish our taste of Columbia River spring Chinook will be big losers. Columbia River spring Chinook are not caught in any other fishery than the gillnet fishery. And the Treaty Tribes seldom have more than needed for ceremonial and subsistence use.

Measure 81 also purports to re-authorize the commercial take of salmon by seines from the Columbia



River. Seines were prohibited by an Oregon initiative petition in 1948. But does Measure 81 truly reinstitute the use of seines? There are significant constraints on Columbia River fisheries due to multiple ESA listings. The state cannot by itself dictate whether seines once again may be used without the agreement of NOAA fisheries. And NOAA will want to see the results of long-term mortality studies, which will take years to complete. The first long-term mortality studies collected in the experimental seine fisheries the past few years were conducted only last year.

The point is that Measure 81 is not a conservation measure, even though it has been dressed up as one. It is a resource grab on the part of the recreational fishery at the expense of consumers and commercial fishing families. It seeks to lock in forever the percentage of salmon and steelhead taken by recreational fisheries statewide during the five-year period 2007-2011. This greed clause demonstrates what Measure 81 is really about.

Enter into this scenario Governor Kitzhaber's plan to "transition" the gillnet fishery in off-channel fishery enhancement areas. This is nothing more than the "SAFE for Salmon" plan under a different guise. It also has exactly the same problems as the "SAFE for Salmon" plan did when presented to the legislature in the 2009 and

2011 sessions. It didn't move forward in the legislature because it was based on fiction rather than fact, and the legislators figured that out. First, there is no money to carry the plan forward into implementation. Second, where are all these "off-channel" areas where the Select Area Fishery Enhancement program could be expanded? Twenty-five sites were tested for suitability for expansion of the terminal fisheries concept in the mid-1990s. The sites that fit the site-selection criteria already have been developed.

In all reality, the Governor's proposal is a distraction from the real business at hand, which has got to be defeating Measure 81. As the editorial in the Daily Astorian on August 13 correctly noted, the Governor's timing is curious at best. If he were serious about his proposal, he should have come forward before Measure 81 qualified for the ballot. The plain fact is that he didn't.

The No on Measure 81 campaign could use contributions from concerned citizens. Contributions should be sent to the Salmon For All PAC at PO Box 12945, Salem, OR 97309. In order to comply with Oregon elections laws, individuals making contributions need to supply their name, occupation, employer, employer's city and state, home address, work phone, home phone, and email (if any).

Poets Corner

COUNTERPART

*While strolling along a river bank
I came upon a man wearing a sportsman's hat
Not being in any hurry I stopped for a while
to chat.*

*I asked how his luck was running.
He said, "It hasn't been too hot,
They can't get past the commercial guys
Before they all are caught!"*

*Now I've done this most of my life
And I really love it so.
But if things don't improve real soon,
I'll need some place else to go.*

*There's such a sense of accomplishment
To serve up a salmon caught by me.
But a far more bountiful harvest
Is what I'd really like to see.*

*Well he was packing up his gear
And he said as he picked up his pole,
"You now this where I find peace,
And how, I soothe my soul."*

*Then one day I was down at the docks
Admiring the trollers and gillnet boats.
I got to talking to some of the guys
About all their dreams and hopes.*

*One said, "they're giving all the fish to the
sports,
And I'm in way too deep.
Financially and emotionally I'm stuck,
Though I can hardly make ends meet.*

*It's fulfilling to make it on my own,
And feed my family with my own hands
But Lord, we need more time to fish,
To keep my boat off financial sands!*

*Now I love this way of life,
Been doing it since I was a kid.
But if things don't change real soon,
I'll give a job another bid.*

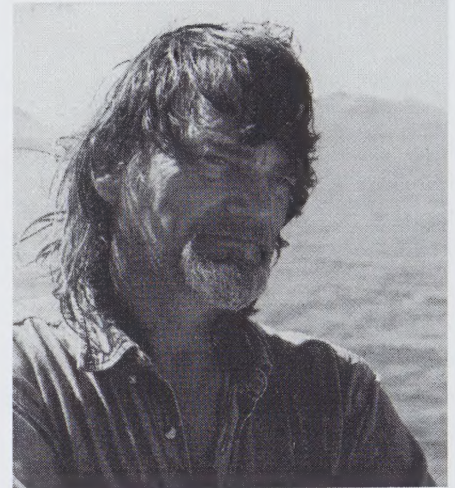
*Yeah, I once tried working in town
But I never felt quite whole.
No, this is where I find peace,
And how I soothe my soul.*

*It struck me as kind of strange
That sport and commercial felt the same.
Yet we're both so damn ready
To hand the other guy the blame.*

*Maybe if we worked together to control
Those who claim to know how to manage
fish,
Then a far stronger, prosperous harvest,
Would be more than just a wish.*

Dave Densmore

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Dave Densmore's works from the past.*



Why We All Need to Join Together and Defeat the CCA's Oregon Gillnet Ban

Passage of Ballot Measure 81 would virtually end all fishing by Oregon commercial fishermen on the Columbia River, because all Columbia River commercial fishermen use gillnets.

Washington commercial fisherman would still be allowed to use gillnets on the Columbia River while Oregon commercial fisherman would be banned if Measure 81 passes.

Not only would Ballot Measure 81's ban on commercial gillnet fishing harm Oregon commercial fishermen, but it would also hurt seafood wholesalers and retailers, restaurants, local fish markets, marine supply dealers, and consumers of locally caught salmon and sturgeon.

Now is not the time to harm another Oregon industry and cut hundreds of Oregon jobs.

Ballot Measure 81 would prevent Oregon consumers from being able to buy fresh Columbia River Spring Chinook salmon anywhere in Oregon.

Even Columbia River salmon caught legally by Washington commercial fishermen could not be sold to Oregon wholesalers, canners, buyers, restaurants, fish markets and consumers under Measure 81.

Measure 81 won't save one Columbia River salmon. It simply re-allocates the harvest it takes away from commercial fishermen and gives that share to sport-fishermen. It's designed solely to increase so-called "angler days" on the Columbia River at the expense of Oregon's commercial fishermen and the consumers who enjoy Columbia River salmon.

Over the last 10 years the sports fishing industry has caught 80% of the Columbia River Spring Chinook Salmon, while commercial gillnet fishermen only catch 20% of these fish.

Ballot Measure 81 is supported by the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) and was put on the ballot by a single Washington State contributor who provided a half million dollars or 89% of the funds collected to pay for the signatures required to qualify Measure 81 for the ballot.

We need to join together today and stop this effort before they move to other sectors of our industry, including the state of Washington.

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CLATSOP COUNTY FISHERIES NEWS

The summer of 2012 has been a busy one for the Clatsop County Fisheries' crew, as they have been working to put the finishing touches on our new adult salmon holding/sorting structures at the South Fork Klaskanine site. The concrete pond and site work was done by Rick Richmond Construction Inc. out of Clatskanie, Oregon and the aluminum holding pens were built by J & H Boatworks of Astoria. With funding provided by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Restoration and Enhancement Board and some matching dollars from the voluntary fishermen's assessment fund, this new addition will be of great help with the anticipated fall return of SAB fall Chinook, tules and Coho to the site. Sorting, holding, and spawning will be much more efficient with the new aluminum cages and concrete pond—no more sloshing around in the mud! As long as sufficient numbers of SAB fall Chinook return, and with the cooperative help of staff from ODF&W's Klaskanine and Big Creek hatcheries, as well as student volunteers from Warrenton and Astoria high schools, we should be able to achieve our annual egg take goal of 1.6 million.

The 2012 winter and spring select area fisheries ended up being better than average, with 7,709 total spring Chinook landed in all areas. The summer season in Youngs Bay was also decent, with 2,108 Chinook landed, a good portion of which were late spring Chinook caught in early July, followed by increasing numbers of SAB fall Chinook. The fall season started out with fairly low catches of SAB's, but toward the end of August landings had improved, with a total of 1,967 fall Chinook through August 23rd.

Smolt releases for 2012 were very similar to the past few years,

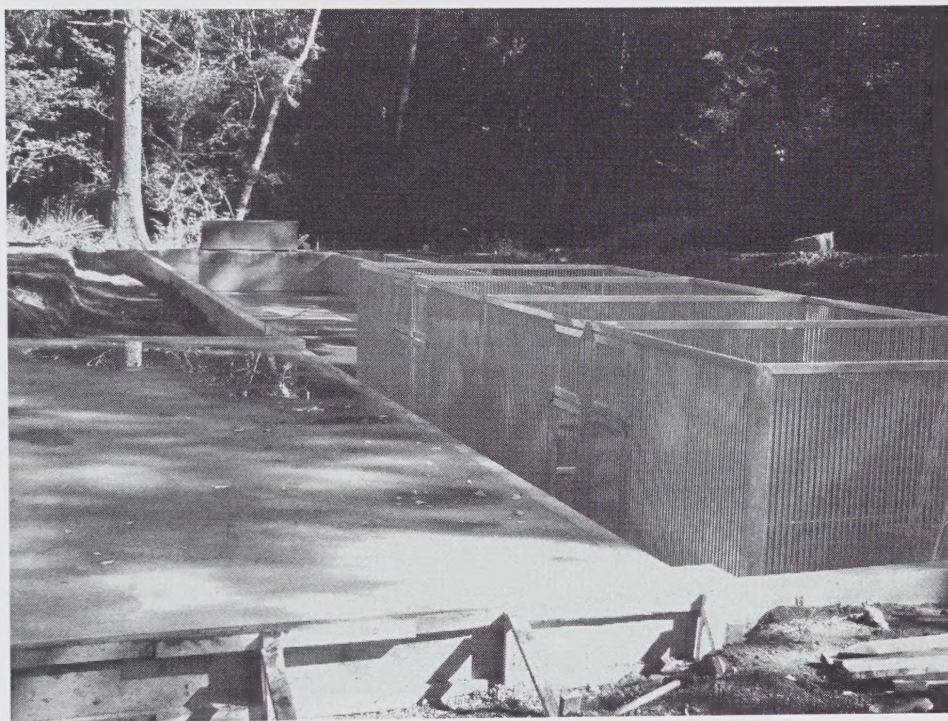
with a total of 1,124,255 spring Chinook, 2,011,679 Coho and 1,358,046 SAB fall Chinook released from the Oregon sites. The spring Chinook were released in March, followed by Coho in April and SAB fall Chinook in late June and early July. At this time, current production levels are scheduled to be maintained, but with Ballot Measure 81 and the governor's proposal for managing Lower Columbia River fisheries, future production levels are uncertain.

Clatsop County Fisheries would

like to personally thank all of the fishermen and processors that contribute to the voluntary fisherman assessment program. Your contributions are a vital part of this program and they help us to keep the SAB program going as well as other ongoing maintenance needs. Once again, we would like to thank everyone for all the support throughout the years, and good luck fishing!

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Editor's special dedication to Chris Thompson

Chris Thompson was the modern "King" of fish processing and particularly 'mild curing and smoking', the last of the old time Astoria fish handling "experts". When he left us, in April of this year, it was a huge loss to the salmon packing industry on the Columbia River.

His last cleaning-fileting activity was with Fishhawk Fisheries, well into his eighties. He once told Steve Fick, "you catch the fish and I'll do the processing". He worked with Laurie Pietila in recent years and also earlier with "Chink" Arnold Curtis at CRPA-Bumble Bee-Hanthorn Cannery-Cold Storage.

Their work with preparing salmon in various ways was legendary. Chris had the knack for cold smoking and making Lox as well as setting up sturgeon Roe, Cavier.

These specialty fish products were the key to his fish market days. He and his brother Pete operated the Thompson's Seafood Market in Astoria for twenty years, from 1949 to 1969. *Editor Jon Westerholm*



Kristian Palmer Thompson Seafood Industry

Kristian Palmer Thompson passed away on April 26, 2012 at the age of 95.

Chris was the oldest child of Norwegian Immigrants Hans and Jette Thompson, and was born October 26, 1916 in Astoria, Oregon. His younger sister, Mabel Ledyard survives and resides in Elyria, Ohio. His two brothers, Pete and Allen Thompson, as well as Jennie his wife of 61 years, preceded him in death. He is also survived by his 2 sons, Ken Thompson of Astoria, and Jim and Martha Thompson of Del Mar, California. He has 5 grandchildren: Linda and Gene Bock of Astoria; Kim and Dave Bendit of Tacoma, Washington; Kirt and Jane Thompson of

Anchorage, Alaska; Laurie and Tim O'Donnell of Tucson, Arizona; Karen Thompson Walker and husband Casey of Brooklyn, New York. He is also survived by 8 great Grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

As a native of Astoria, he witnessed the Great Astoria Fire from his uptown home; played football at Astoria High School for the legendary coach, John Warren; pitched for the local Columbia Club baseball team; and grew up playing neighborhood basketball with some of the Astoria players who would later be part of the University of Oregon "Tall Firs" 1939 NCAA basketball championship team. He graduated from AHS in 1934 and spent several summers working for his uncle "Herring Pete" in Alaska in the fishing, fox and gold mining industries. He married

Jennie Landro, another Astoria native, in 1940 and they moved to Fairbanks, Alaska where Chris worked on a gold mining dredge. They moved back to Astoria in 1941 and Chris began his long career in the seafood industry by working at the Hanthorn Cannery, later CRPA (Bumble Bee Seafoods) Cold Storage Plant (now Pier 39). At Bumble Bee for over 30 years, he was involved in all aspects of the seafood processing industry including salmon, tuna, shrimp, crab, halibut, and bottom fish, until Bumble Bee moved their operations out of Astoria in the 1970's. In 1949, he and his brother Pete opened a retail fish market (Thompson's Seafood) on 12th Street, in downtown Astoria, and continued operating the market until the building was demolished to make room for the existing Wells Fargo Bank parking lot in 1969. In addition to his regular jobs, Chris also developed a sideline business preparing smoked salmon and caviar for a select group of customers.

Chris was a proud Norwegian, and made several trips to Norway to visit relatives and "the old home place", where his father was born and raised.

He was very active in Bethany Lutheran Church and served the church in several capacities over the years. He helped build the current church from the ground breaking ceremony to the top of the steeple.

His seafood experience and expertise were widely recognized in the local community, and he was an advisor to several small seafood businesses as they started up their operations. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Hanthorn Cannery Foundation.

The C. P. Thompson room at the Rogue Public House is named after Chris.

He loved his family, church, Norway, and fish and will be missed by all.

Viewing took place Saturday, April 28th from 2-4 pm at Hughes Ransom Mortuary in Astoria. Services were held at Bethany Free Lutheran Church on Monday April 30th at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Bethany Free Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice.

Following is an interview statement presented by Chris Thompson at one of the Hanthorn Cannery-Bumble Bee Cold Storage Reunions.

"Laurie (Pietila) and I were working, and 'Chink' (Arnold Curtis) was the boss there at that time, and he came in and (said) that, 'You guys are sure making me look good down at the main office,' so I (said), 'Put it on a pay check.' So everybody when they saw me or passed me, they said, 'Put it on the pay check.'

"When I came there (to Hanthorn), they were (doing) what was called, 'mild curing,' and that was the middle of the Depression. And all of the canneries, all of the big canneries, were starting to mild cure. They took the choicest fish, split it and took the backbone out, and they were all about, at least 20-pound fish...and then scored 'em and slimed 'em real good and then we put them in barrels—800 pounds of fish to a barrel with salt. And these barrels were shipped to Germany and France, and I'm the only one left of the mild curing gang at Hanthorn Cold Storage. And if you mention mild curing fish to most people they have no idea what it was, and it was a real big operation...every one of the canneries around here mild cured fish and that was the finest fish you could get."

"...the people in Astoria, during the Depression, times were really tough, but the people would line up at the Hanthorn Cold Storage to get the backbone of the fish and take that home and fry it. And we used to take them and go in the neighborhood here and sell those fish backs, which they call 'Norwegian harmonicas or Finnish hulie harps'. Same thing with Union Fish, everybody was lined up, you know, for those fish backs and they would say...to Jon Olsen, the splitter, 'leave some fish on those backbones, John,' and his idea was to leave nothing on the backbone. So that's what drove us through the Depression."

Editor - Jon Westerholm



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THE TAKALO FAMILY STORY

The Takalo Family and its many descendants have been very much involved in the fishing industry in Astoria and Clatsop County Oregon for the past 125 years. John Takalo and Kristina Junttila emigrated from Finland in about 1880. Other members of the family followed them here at the same time and later. Here are some of the many names associated with the Takalo-Junttila families:

Blair	Oja	Barendse	Knapp	Jackson
Estoos	Freeman	VanOsdol	Holm	Brown
Amsberry	Bridgens	Schinkle	Empo	Pass
Buck	Meyer	Stromberg	Selover	Williamson

John and Kristina were married in 1883 in Astoria and were married for 57 years upon John's death in 1940. They had 5 children. Kristina lived to be 93 years, passing away in 1947.

Five successive Takalo generations were Gillnetters – Andrew, John, Bob, Roy, Alan. Today Todd Takalo is an active 6th generation Gillnetter and Randy Blair is a 5th generation family Fisherman.

Takalo Family information and time line:

Andrew Takalo (Kinnunen in Finland) born 1829 in Finland died at Blind Slough, OR 1911. His 1st wife Ellen Laskala died in Finland. His 2nd wife Maria born in Finland in 1838, died at Blind Slough, OR 1915. His children with 1st wife were:

First child August was born in Finland in 1855 and married Justina Empo in Clatsop County. He was president of the IXL Packing Co. from 1884 through 1886. He drowned in 1913.

Second child John was born in Finland in 1859 and married Kristina Junttila who was born in Finland in 1854 and died in Astoria in 1947. They had 5 children born at Blind Slough in Clatsop County:

Cecilia Ann born in 1884, married Bill Knapp, had 3 children and died in 1967.

William Alfred born in 1886, married Florence Barendse, had 2 children and died in 1929.

Robert born in 1890, never married, fished and logged, and died in 1948.

Ida Ingrid born in 1891, married Fred Freeman, had 1 son, died in 1966.

Hilda Sophia born in 1893, married Floyd Blair, had 4 children and died in 1993.

Robert married Silvia Winters, had 3 sons.

Doris married Frank Shepard, had 3 sons and 1 daughter.

Nancy married Bill Flint, had 2 daughters and 1 son.

Philip (Abbie) married Nettie Adams, had 3 sons. Fished with Roy Takalo in Alaska, Puget Sound and Columbia River and logged.

Third child Kate born in Finland in about 1862, married Charlie Buck, had a daughter Ella who married a Dentist from San Francisco.

Fourth child Anna Sophia born in Finland about 1867 first married Henry Myers who was shot to death in his tavern in Linnton, OR. They had one son Raymond Meyers who



Takalo monument at Knappa Cemetery.
This is the very prominent Takalo stone at the front of the Prairie Cemetery at Knappa. Seven of the family are buried here, including John, Kristina, Andrew, Mary & August.

married Knappa teacher Hildred Meyers and a daughter Mabel who Married Harry Barnes. Anna remarried Henry Schinkle who helped raise the children.

Fifth child *William Alfred* was born to Marie in Calumet, Michigan in 1877. He married Alice in Astoria. They had two sons, Robert who died at birth and is buried in the Takalo plot at Knappa and David who lived in the Portland area.



Andrew Takalo - 1910



John & Kristina Takalo - 1883

Andrew and Marie and 5 children family moved to Knappa and Blind Slough, Oregon in 1878 from Michigan and began fishing on the Columbia River.

It is interesting to note two William Alfreds in the Takalo family. They were uncle and nephew to each other; born to successive generations and only 9 years different in age. Uncle William Alfred was born in 1877 to Andrew and nephew William Alfred was born to John in 1886.

Kristina was a charter member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, established in Brownsmead in 1914.

Bill Takalo grew up in Brownsmead. His parents, Kristina and John, built a house on Gnat Creek and raised five children there: Bill, Ida, Cecilia, Hilda and Bob. Bob was a fisherman

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The Takalo Family Story (cont.)

and Bill fished too, although he worked many years on the boom at Knappa Docks, pushing logs around with his boat named "Alice".

Bob lived out at Carlson Island in a houseboat. He traveled to Alaska and could tell fabulous tales about prospecting with "Wildcat".

Hilda went to school at Blind Slough, then to Sylvandale Elementary School on the Davis Bottom Road in Brownsmead. She married Floyd Blair, lived at Youngs River Falls, had four children: Bob, Doris, Nancy and Abbie. Hilda lived to be 100 years of age and died in 1993.

Ida's married name was Freeman. She moved early on to California. They had one son, Owen.



John Takalo - 1930

1884 to 1886. August drowned in 1913. Andrew died in 1911 and Maria in 1915.

John married Kristina Juntilla who was born in Pyhajoki, Oulunlaani, Finland in 1854 and immigrated to the United States through San Francisco with her mother and sister Anna Sophia who married John Jackson and settled in Astoria and raised 13 children. Some of the Jackson sons made sails for the gillnet boats.

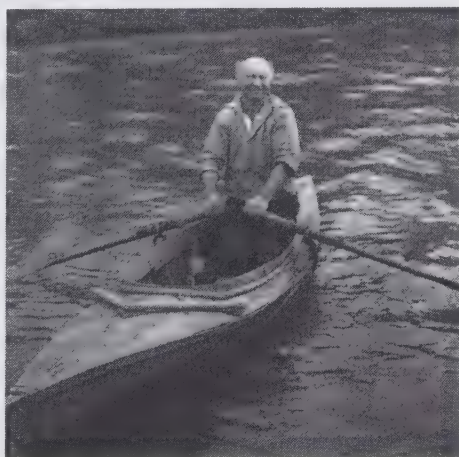
John and Kristina had 5 children. Cecilia married William Knapp and had 3 children. William Alfred married Florence Barendse and had 2 children. Roy Takalo who fished all his life and Phyllis who was a teacher. Robert Takalo who fished all his life never married. Ida married Fred Freeman and had 1 son and Hilda Sophia married Floyd Blair and they had 4 children; Robert, Doris, Nancy and Philip (Ab). Ab fished with Roy Takalo in Alaska and then in Puget Sound and Columbia River. Ab has 3 sons but only 1 has turned out to be a fisherman that is Randy Blair who has fished in Alaska and on the Columbia River.

Kate Takalo married Charlie Buck and had 1 daughter Ella who married Ralph Perkins, a dentist in San Francisco. Anna first married Henry Meyers who owned a tavern in the Linnton area of Portland and was shot to death. They had two children. Raymond Meyers who married Hildred, a teacher in Knappa with 1 child, Leota, and Mabel who married Harry Barnes. Anna later married Henry Schinkle and he helped raise the children.

Seven of the Takalos are buried in the Knappa Cemetery plot. Brothers Bill and Bob are buried at the veterans plot at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

Roy and Elaine Takalo's two children, Alan and Christine, grew up in Brownsmead next to the Sorensen dairy farm and attended the

Bob Takalo - 1940



Bob - Doris - Nancy Blair at second house - Takalo-Blair

Knappa schools, graduating from Knappa High School in 1964 and 1966, respectively. Each married their high school sweethearts. Alan married Linda Estoos in 1967. They had three children, Melissa born in 1970, Todd in 1973 and Katrina in 1979. Alan and Linda's grandchildren, oldest to youngest are Cari, Dale, Eli, Ole and Trigve. Linda's mother is Virginia Holm Estoos and father was Dale Estoos.

Alan learned to gillnet as a teenager and chose gillnetting as his lifelong career, fishing on the Columbia and in Alaska. Alan, as well as his father Roy, were known as two of the best fishermen on the river. Alan died in Alaska in July, 2011.

Christine married Bob Bridgens in 1968. They also had three children, Brandon born in 1972, Adam in 1975 and Booke in 1977. Bob and Christine live in Warrenton where she has a small, in-home business in floral design and Bob is in the asphalt paving business. They have five grandchildren: Logan, Reese, Peyton, Emily and Morgan. Christine was Grandmother Kristina's name sake.

It has been my pleasure to be very closely related and associated with the Takalo family during my lifetime. My mother, Mable Barendse, was a sister to Florence, Mrs. Bill Takalo. Florence later married Frank Williamson and they lived in the No. 3 Takalo house on Davis Road during the 1930s and 1940s taking care of Grandma Takalo until her death in 1947. Here Frank's son Bob Williamson joined Roy and Phyllis Takalo during their high school years.

I established many of my lifetime traditions and customs based on my association with Cousin Roy Takalo. Much of my gillnetting history, both here on the Columbia River and in Alaska, is related to both Roy and Elaine and also their son Alan. It was very unfortunate that they all died very young. Elaine and her sister Royce were the daughters of Russell and Sally Stromberg in Astoria. He worked for the Pillsbury Flour Company at the Astoria Port Docks. Royce married Val Pass and their oldest son Rick Pass was the

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Grandma Katrina Takalo & Roy - 1943 - 3rd house

Andrew Takalo was born in or around Mohus, Finland, March 1829, with the original name of Kinnunen. His first wife was Ellen Laskala who died in Finland. They had 4 children: August born 1855, John born 1859 and 2 girls Kate and Anna. After Ellen's death he married Maria born in Suomasalmi or Sarkkijarvi, Finland in 1838. They all immigrated to Calumet, Michigan. The children were all confirmed in the Lutheran faith by the same minister they had in Finland. In 1877 Maria and Andrew had a son William Alfred. They all moved to Oregon and settled in the Albert, Brownsmead area and gillnet fished on the Columbia River. In 1905 August married Justina Empo who had 9 children previously. Some were Tina, Estella, Oney, Thomas and Bill. August was president of IXL Salmon Packing Company from September

The Takalo Family Story (cont.)



Original Takalo house on piling alongside Gnat Creek - 1885 cir.

- 2nd Takalo house located across road - 1900 cir.
- 3rd Takalo house - Davis (Sylvandale Road) - 1920 cir.
- August Takalo house - Anderson Road - 1910 cir.

former Principal Superintendent of Knappa Schools and now Superintendent of Naselle Grays River Schools.

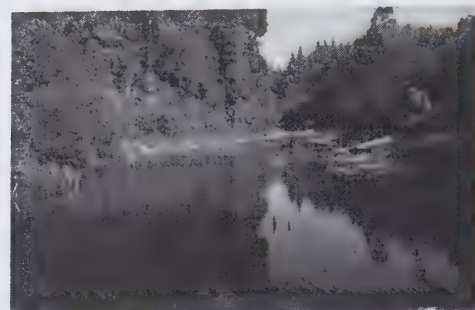
Jon Westerholm, Editor

In 2012, Crest, the Astoria located Columbia River Estuary Study Task Force, with finances provided by BPA, Bonneville Power Administration, is doing a fish friendly improvement program along Gnat Creek on this very same Takalo property that has reverted to the Oregon State Forestry Department.

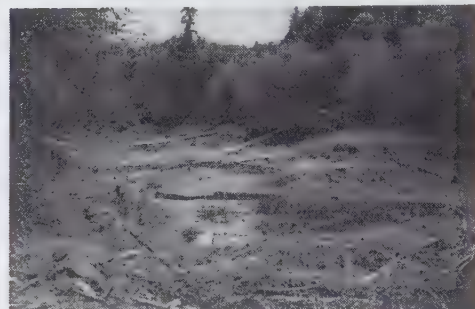
The project opens up again the small water course with its many springs up the hill where the Takalos used to get fresh water but which had been dammed up forming a small lake in more recent years.

The several acres of marshy flat below where the Takalo house No.2 was located has had most of its low dike completely removed so that tidal action from below and freshet action from above can better completely flood this area providing more natural salmon fingerling habitat again. The addition of logs, some with root wads still intact placed around the flat will provide shade and protection.

So where the Takalo family and ensuing owners years ago raised potatoes and grazed a cow when they could keep the dike intact, is now back closer to Mother Nature.



Lake in draw behind Takalo place.



After dam removal.

Information and photos for this story provided by: Phyllis Takalo Amsberry, Abbie & Nettie Blair, Christine Takalo Bridgens, Editor Jon Westerholm and modern photos by Jim Allen



Looking over Gnat Creek. Across former tilled marsh, and updraw behind Takalo house No.1 and 2.

Looking up Gnat Creek at old Low Dike removal with added woody debris.



EDEN VALLEY *and* ALTOONA



Early 1900 CRPA Altoona Cannery

Yes, there is such a place as EDEN VALLEY in the Northwest. It is located in SW Washington in the sparsely populated, crooked creek drainage emptying into Grays Bay on the Columbia River.

It was a natural old country setting for immigrant settling in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, predominantly by the Finnish people.

In the early years, with only trails and wagon roads, available, the dominant means of reaching Eden Valley was by boat via the Columbia River from Astoria. In modern times, with highways and paved roads, one goes through such interesting communities as Skamokawa, Grays River, Naselle, Deep River and Rosburg, to reach Eden and Altoona.

The ridge of high ground that crooked creek creates on its South-side is directly above the Columbia River and its old commercial fishing cannery settlements of Altoona, Dahlia, Pillar Rock, Cottardi and Brookfield. This was the center of the salmon canning industry on the Columbia

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From river to north view of historic rugged Jim Crow mountain.



Recent photo showing remaining rocks and piling in Altoona waterfront with Tongue Point looming in background.



From Eden Valley to south view of Jim Crow mountain.

River in those early years.

Continuing on the road south past Eden one soon arrives at Harrington Point and Altoona, one of the most profitable canneries on the river. Today there is very little to show how thriving an area this once was.

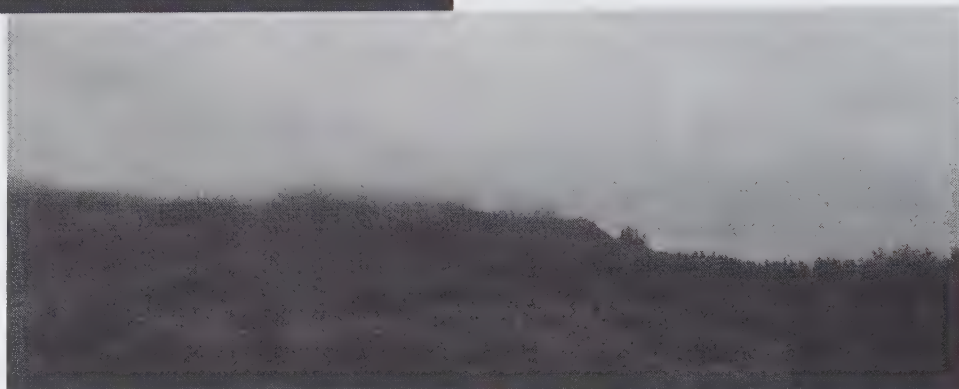
At least two of the early day trails out of Eden Valley to the south pro-

vided a means for farmers from the small farms to provide the salmon canneries along the Columbia with some of the fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, milk and other produce that they could not always get by boat from the river.

If one were to continue East past Altoona on this road he would come to the dead end at Pillar Rock.

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From Eden Valley to south view of Altoona Hill



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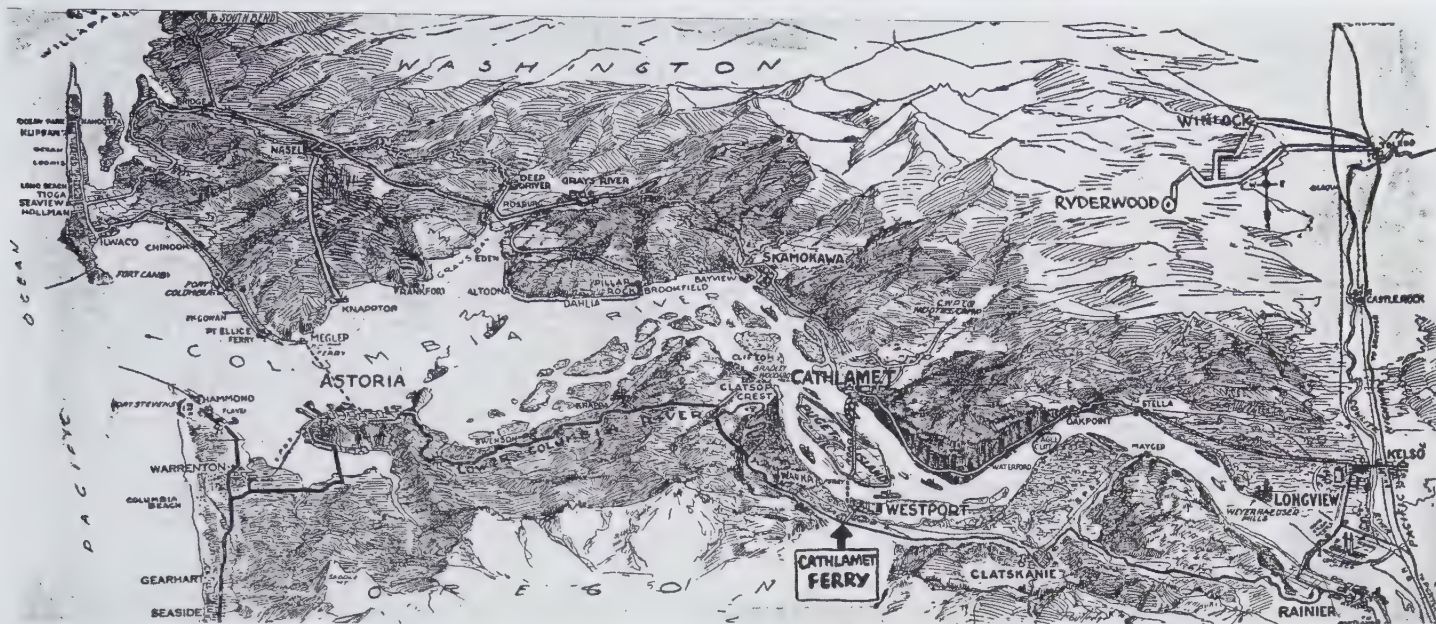
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This WWII ERA relief map of the Lower Columbia River from Astoria to Longview was put out by the Westport-Puget Island ferry to Cathlamet, on its schedule. It shows an overhead look of the river and both banks in Oregon and Washington, as it was some 60 or 70 years ago. Eden and Altoona are in the upper left middle of map, across the river and just to the right of Astoria.

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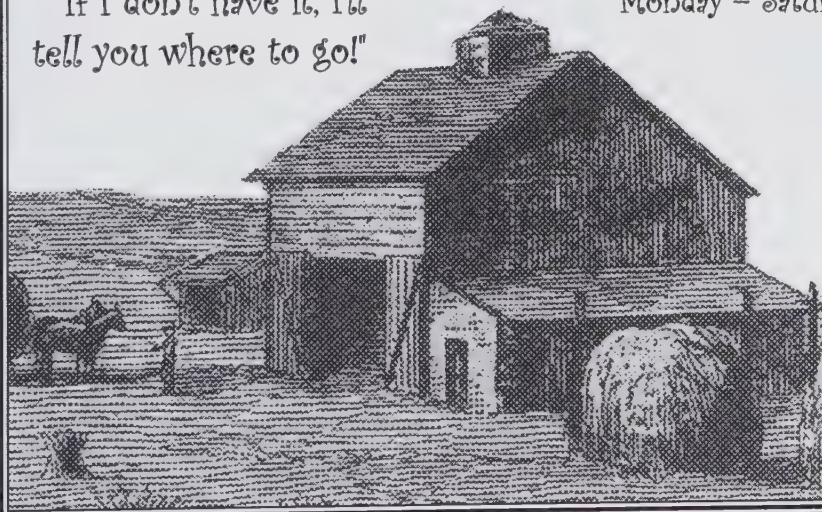
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The modern brick depot building was added in the mid-1920s. It even had passenger rain protector sheds. The passenger and ticket section in these two depots was to the west, right, in these two photos taken from the north riverside while the freight section was to the east, left.



The present day station, now owned by the Columbia River Maritime Museum in 2012, is being prepared as a future home of a wooden boat construction facility and location of an exclusive copper nail fastener manufacturing plant, by the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

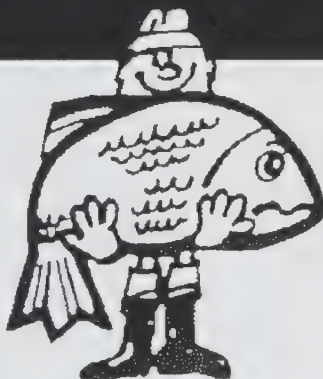
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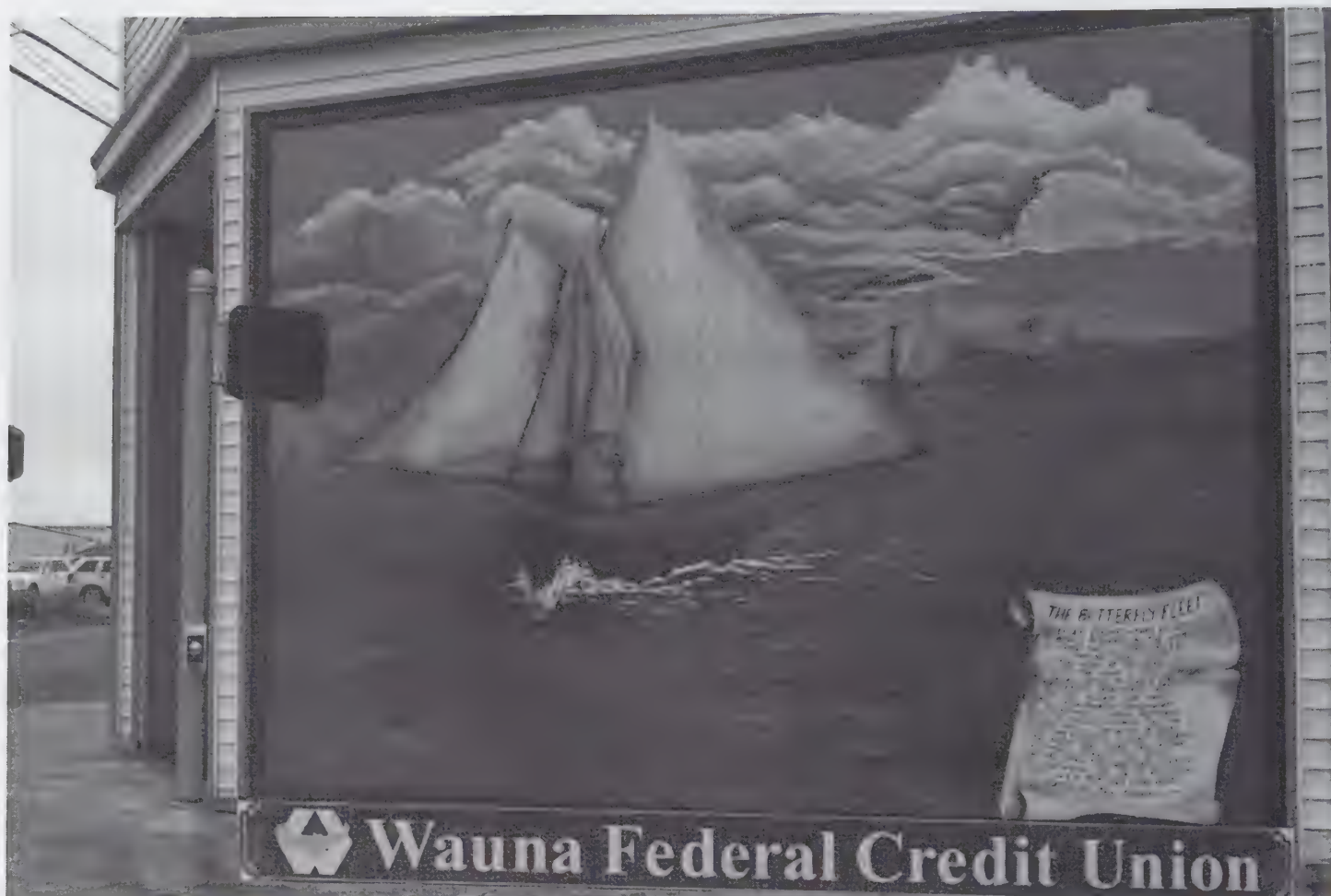
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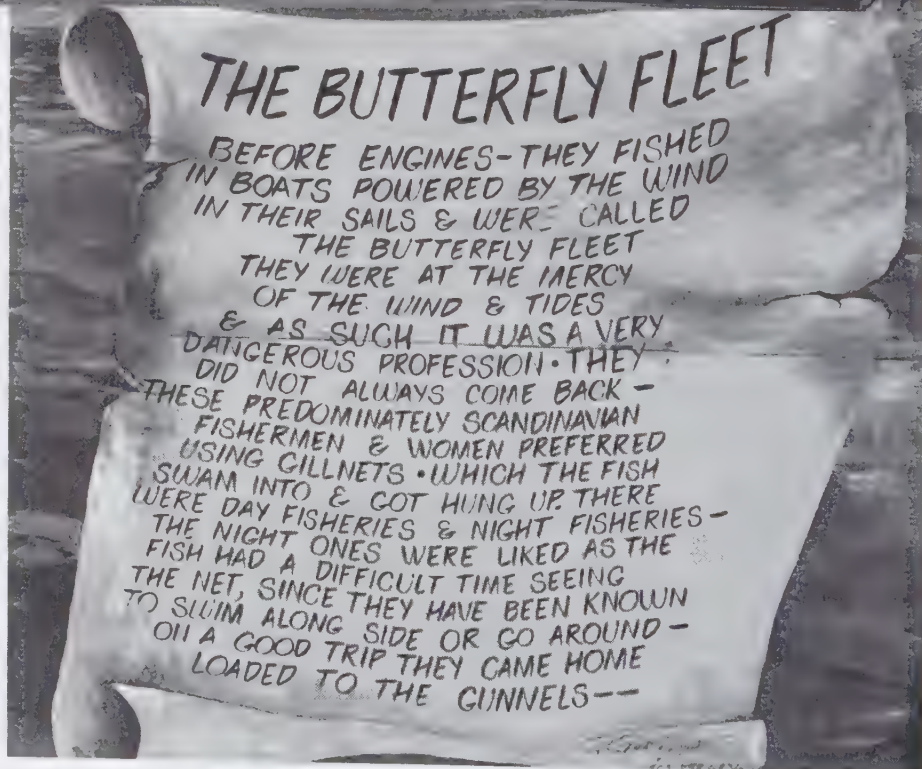
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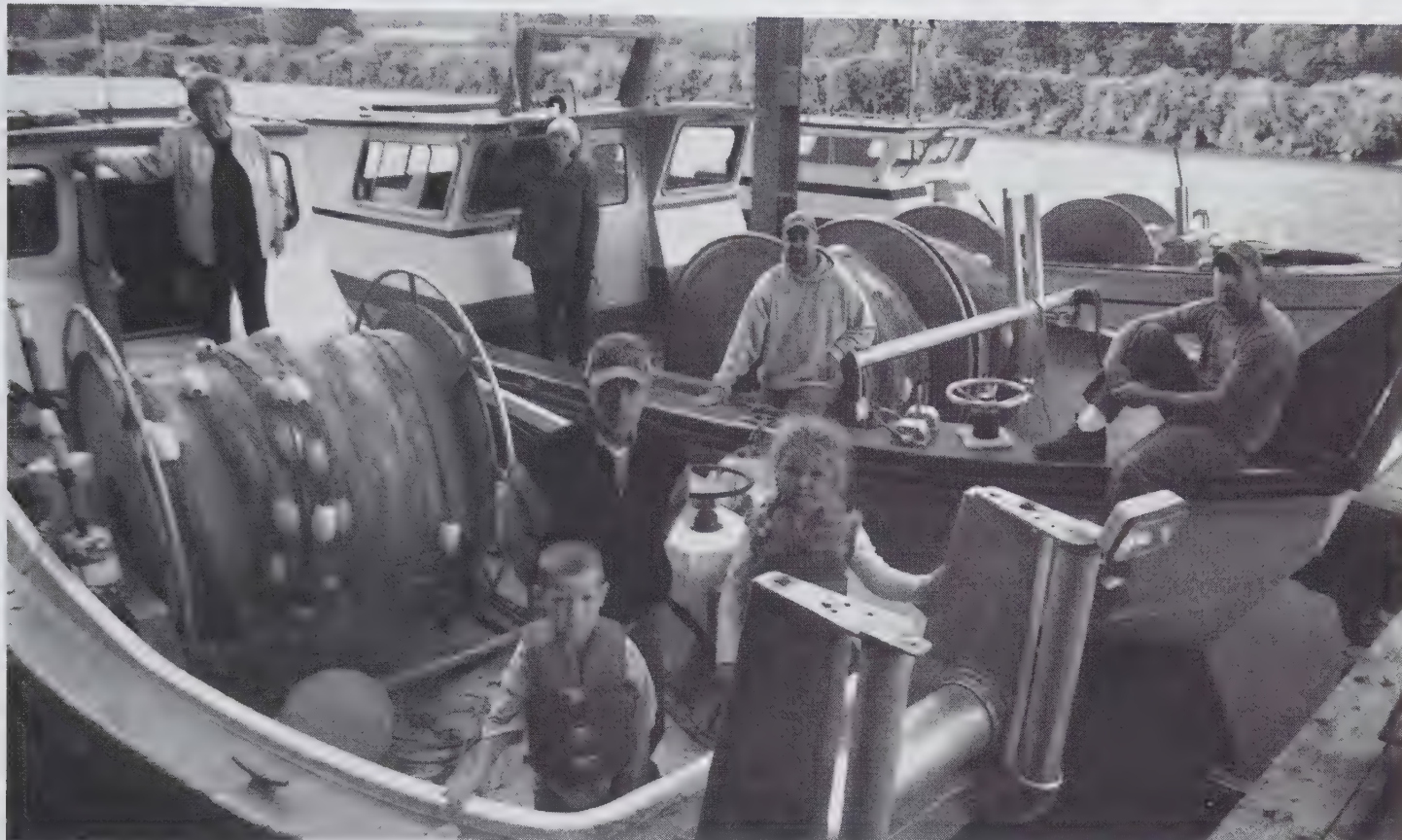
This dramatic rendition mural and caption of the returning pre-1900 sailing Gillnet boat fleet was done by artist Dorothy Danielson, commissioned by Wauna Federal Credit Union and located on the west side of their Uniontown Astoria Branch Credit Union Building. It is a tribute to the history and background of Gillnetting on the Columbia River and the important part it played in the modern day development of Astoria, Oregon and the Northwest.

It goes along with the future endeavors of historic boat building on the river carried on by the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Photos by Jim Allen



SIX GENERATIONS OF GILLNETTING



The matriarchs of the Olson family of Alderbrook, Peggy Olson, wife of the late Eldie Olson and Margie Thompson, sister of Eldie and the 3rd generation of the gillnetting family. Margie is the widow of Dick Thompson, who was a gillnetter with Eldon Korpela in the 1940's. 4th generation gillnetter Larry Olson with his sons: 5th generation Jeremy and Tyler. The 6th generation: children of Jeremy, Libby and Gunnar Olson with Gunnar proudly proclaiming "I am a gillnet fisherman and that's all I want to be when I grow up." Larry Olson lives in the family home of Art and Frances in Alderbrook, across from the Scandinavian Cannery the 1st generation used as their dock.

Pictured are Art and Frances Olson, 2nd generation gillnetter on the Columbia circa 1920. Art's father Alfred was a 1st generation Gillnetter who fished the river in 1896. Frances married Art at 20 and died at 29 leaving two children, Eldie and Margaret who then fished with their father out of Alderbrook. Art was a machinist/shipfitter for AMCCO and built several Gillnet boats during that time.

***Full Olson Family story in next issue.**

Cindy Daly



Letters to the Editor

Jon:

Thank you for sending me the latest magazine on the Columbia River Gillnetter's history.

Will look forward to each publication.

Thanks again,
Dave Urell
Eugene, OR

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Dear Jon & Crew:

Thanks so much for the article on the Lunds with some new insights from Dorothy's recollection. She was truly one of my favorite Aunts. (I feel fortunate to have had 9 aunts; 5 on my Dad's side and 4 on my Mom's side.)

Thanks for all your work and dedication.

Good job,
Phyllis Anderson
Knappa, OR

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Jon,

Thank you very much for the thoughtful memorial contribution to the Maritime Museum in Burt Tarabochia's name.

His family appreciates your kind memory of him.

Sincerely,
Lisa Tarabochia
Bend, OR

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Dear Jon,

We enjoyed reading the Winter edition of the CRG. I especially enjoyed the article about John Bozanich who happens to be my cousin. He was a great guy and is missed by many friends & relatives. I am in contact with John's wife, June.

Enclosed is a contribution to the CRG from George & Frances and also from my sister Wini Doran. Both are in memory of our cousin John Bozanich.

You mentioned your cousin Snooky Barendse in your last note to us and yes, Snooky was also my cousin as his Mom & my Dad (Albert Erickson) were siblings. Your connection with Snooky must be with the Barendse family.

Sincerely,
Frances & George Crandall
Portland, OR

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Editor:

Thank you for the interesting informative newsletter. We really enjoy keeping up with things in your area.

Fred and Flora Westfall
Port Angeles, WA

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Dear John:

Thanks for your great publication! It's really fun to see what's happening around our old "Stumping Grounds".

I pass on news to Carl Jacobson who lives in Salem.

Tom Abrams
Richland, WA

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Hello -

My friend, Shirley Tinner, has sent me your great publication & I have really enjoyed reading about all of the wonderful stories, news, etc. about the River.

I grew up in Uniontown on Alameda Ave. and I know so many fishermen in the neighborhood. Art Nelson was my next door neighbor.

Keep up the good work.
Julia A. Kearney & Philip Kearney
Ann Arbor, MI

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Jon:

Many thanks for another great issue of the Columbia River Gillnetter. The articles and the cover picture of Vintage Gillnet boats & fishermen were 'classic', and along with the special 'Wave Goodbyes'.

I know that it's a lot of work, but it does mean a lot to so many.

Thanks again,
John Vlastelicia, Jr.
Scappoose, OR

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Dear Jon,

Thank you so much for all your efforts to help me honor my Dad, John Sam Bozanich. I leave for Astoria to celebrate at the Astoria Maritime Fishermen's Memorial Celebration on Memorial Day & the unveiling of Dad's Grandpa's & Uncle Nick's memorial plaques. You have been a great help.

God bless you,
Barbara Ferguson
Surprise, AZ

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Enclosed is a check in memory of Betty and Gilbert Fowler. They both gillnetted in the Mayger-Willow Grove area, and Gilbert's father, John, was also a fisherman.

Betty was well known for her skill at hanging nets. Back in the days of linen nets, she made the whole net.

Your newsletter is enjoyed by our family.

Dawn & Russell Fowler
Clatskanie, OR

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Keep up the great work. When the CRG arrives, it's like getting a letter from home.

Best regards,
Bill Leahy
Yorba Linda, CA

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Jon -

We sure enjoy the magazine! Here's hoping we Oregonians defeat the anti-Gillnetting initiative!! #81

Jon Moberg
Salem, OR

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Dear Jon,

Good to see you last fall in Astoria at your 'headquarters' near the Port Docks... and thanks for lunch!

Received the recent issue of the Columbia River Gillnetter (Vol. 43, No. 1).

Whenever I get an issue I scan the front page carefully and then go right to the editor's pages. That always sets my

Letters to the Editor (cont.)

perspective for the rest of the 'news' contained therein.

And a special thanks for this issue on the Lund Family story and the kind words in reference to Dorothy and my

father. While I know the Lund family stories well it was nice to see it in print for all others to see and read.

Thanks for making me feel old with the Gillnet Boats article & pics(!) I remember some of the double-ended bowpickers.

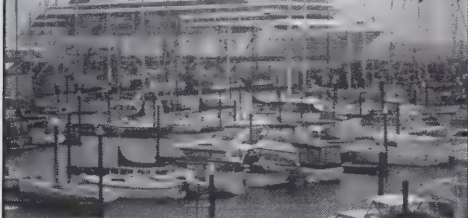
The wild salmon vs hatchery salmon has always been a no-brainer for me. Even the taste is not the same.

Thanks for the extra good issue!

Don Riswick, Jr.
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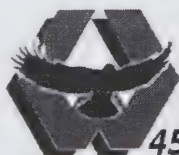
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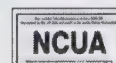
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Momentous Fish Recipes

Salmon Cakes – by Marie Schultz (*"Hometown Cooking" - Astoria Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary recipe book*)

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| 1 15 oz. can salmon | ¼ tsp. coarse ground black pepper |
| ½ cup diced green onions | Cooking spray |
| 3 Tbsp. prepared horseradish | 4 sandwich buns |
| 1 Tbsp. dry bread crumbs, unflavored | lettuce leaves |
| 1 tsp. Soy sauce | |

In a medium bowl, with fork, slightly mix all ingredients except spray, buns, and lettuce. Shape mixture into 4 three inch patties. Spray both sides of patties with cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat until hot. All salmon cakes and cook about 5 minutes per side or until golden and hot. Serve on buns with lettuce.

Busy-Day Baked Fish – by Shirley Strom (*"Bay Center Favorites" - Bay Center, WA Women's Club recipe book*)

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 c. sour cream | ½ c. butter, melted |
| 2 T. onion soup mix | 1/3 c. shredded Parmesan cheese |
| 1 ½ c seasoned bread crumbs | |
| 2 ½ lbs. fresh or frozen fish fillets, thawed | |

In a shallow bowl, combine sour cream and soup mix. Place bread crumbs in another shallow bowl. Cut fish into serving-size pieces; coat with the sour cream mixture, then roll in crumbs. Place in 2 greased 13x9x2-inch baking dishes. Drizzle with butter. Bake, uncovered, at 425 degrees for 12 minutes. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese; bake 2-6 minutes longer until fish easily flakes with fork. Yield 6-8 servings.

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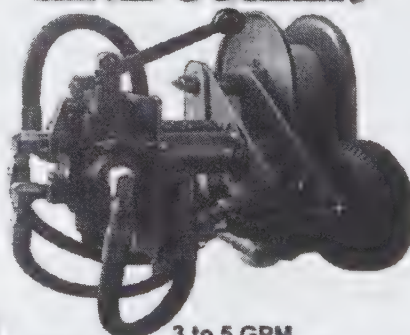
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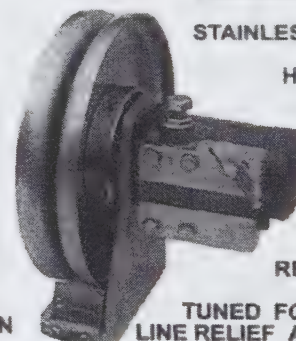


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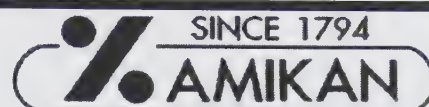
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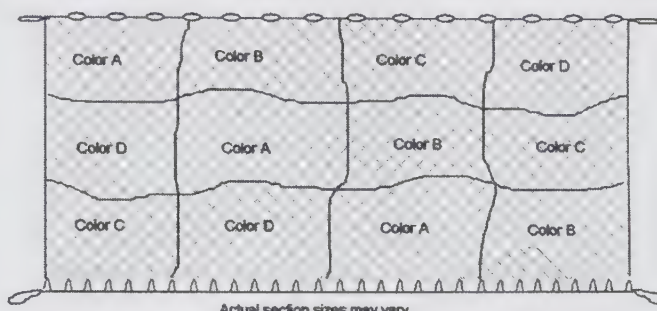
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Arthur V. 'Skip' Hilton Longshoreman, gillnetter, 85

Arthur V. "Skip" Hilton, 85 of Astoria, died Thursday, July 12, 2012, in Astoria.

He was born Oct. 31, 1926, in Astoria, to John William and Lillian (Mattson) Hilton.

He attended Astoria High School.

On Jan. 10, 1948, he married Patricia "Pat" Hall in Astoria; she preceded him in death April 5, 1999.

He later married Dalad Amell. She survives, residing in Astoria.

Mr. Hilton worked as a longshoreman for many years. He also was a gillnetter and fished in the Columbia River and Cook Inlet in Kenai, Alaska.

He was a member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) No. 50.

Family members said his hobbies included visiting with his many friends and going for drives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Tim Hilton of Springfield and Tom Hilton of Portland; a daughter Sandi Hilton of Astoria; a stepson, Paul Polratana of Beaverton; five grandchildren, Kierah Hilton of California, Chris Hilton of Seattle, Cari Hilton of Eugene, Cole Hilton of Astoria and Tom Hilton of Portland; a step grandson, Jai Polratana of Beaverton; a great-grandson, Tyler Hilton of Seattle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

A celebration of life and memorial will be announced.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Astoria High School football and baseball sports programs, 1001 W. Marine Drive, Astoria, OR 97103.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book can be signed at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

John Sherman McGowan Seafood Industry official, 93

John Sherman McGowan was born on June 10, 1918 to John Daniel McGowan and Nell Sherman McGowan in Los Angeles, CA. He died on June 4, 2012 in Astoria, OR.

John grew up in Ilwaco, WA and graduated from Ilwaco High School. He attended the

University of Oregon and graduated in 1940 with a BS in Business. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and was an avid fan of the Oregon Ducks.

Following college, John entered the family seafood business, which had been pioneered by his paternal grandfather, PJ McGowan in 1861 on the Lower Columbia River.

John and Anne Halderman McGowan were married in 1950 in Astoria. They raised three children: Nancy, Barbara and John Patrick. They resided in Astoria until 1974 and then returned to the area after his retirement in 1981.

John served in the US Navy during World



War II and following the war, joined Columbia River Packer's Association (later Bumble Bee Seafoods). His entire career was spent in the seafood industry, where he retired as President of Bumble Bee Seafoods and a Senior Vice-President of Castle & Cooke, Inc.

In 1982, John was appointed by President Ronald Reagan as United States Commissioner on the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna.

John was active in the community, serving as President of the Columbia River Maritime Museum. He also served as a Board Member for numerous organizations: AAA of Oregon & Idaho, First Interstate Bank of Oregon, Henningesen Cold Storage, and the University of Oregon Foundation. He was a Senior Member of the Arlington Club. He was also a member of Grace

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John enjoyed golf, bird hunting and travel as well as spending time with his family. He traveled extensively for both business and pleasure and always enjoyed visiting new places. John was a consummate story-teller and enjoyed entertaining family and friends with stories about the past. His memory was exceptional and he could always be counted on for detailed stories about events that often happened decades earlier.

John was preceded in death by Anne in 2003. He is survived by his daughter Nancy Mabry and her husband Tim, of Hermiston, OR; daughter Barbara Courtney and her partner Richard Straw of Eugene, OR; son John Patrick McGowan and his wife Cheri, of Sammamish, WA. He is also survived by six grandchildren: John Mabry, Mary Katherine Mabry, Chris Courtney, Jenny Courtney Rydstedt (Stephen), Eryn McGowan, and Kyle McGowan. He also had several great grandchildren and a nephew, John Seagraves of Thousand Oaks, CA.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton is in charge of the services. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 16, at 1pm at Grace Episcopal Church in Astoria. A Reception will be held at the Astoria Golf & Country Club following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Columbia River Maritime Museum, Grace Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, Oregon Community Foundation, or Clatsop Care Center.

**William Francis
'Bill' Gunderson Jr.
Teacher, native Astorian, 84**

William Francis "Bill" Gunderson Jr., 84, of Astoria and Gearhart, died Wednesday, July 11, 2012, in Astoria, with his children by his side.

He was born June 27, 1928, in Astoria, to William Francis Gunderson Sr. and Letitia "Letty" Gunderson.

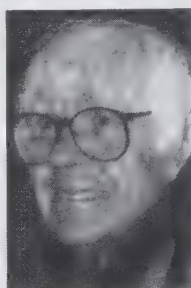
In 1946, he graduated from Astoria High School, where he served as student body president during his senior year.

After graduation he joined the U.S. Army and was deployed to Japan with the occupation forces, serving in the same company as his longtime childhood friend, Bernhard Howe. He attained the rank of sergeant.

Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Oregon and enrolled in the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth. He graduated with a degree in education, with a focus in art.

On Sept. 17, 1948, he married Carol Elaine Olson. They divorced in 1975. She preceded him in death in March 2003.

Mr. Gunderson's long and distinguished career



as an educator began in St. Helens. One year later, he was offered a teaching position in Astoria, which he accepted. He retired from teaching in 1988, after 37 years with the Astoria School District. He first taught elementary classes at Astor Elementary School, and became Astoria High School's art teacher. His classroom was a haven for creative and unconventional thinkers.

Family members said he was introduced to salmon fishing on the Columbia River at a young age by his father, who was well-known commercial fisherman and longshoremen. Although health issues finally compromised his active participation in the Columbia River and Alaska salmon fishery, his passion for fishing and the respect he held for his friends and colleagues in the fishing community remained with him until death.

His personal and professional life was enriched and changed by befriending Lloyd Reynolds, Oregon's Calligrapher Laureate. Until Reynold's death in 1978, he was both mentored by the confidante to Reynolds, and he regarded him as a second father figure. He became one of the most respected calligraphers in the Northwest, and later authored "My Dear Runemeister," a compilation of his correspondence with Reynolds.

He is survived by two daughters, Debra Bowe and Dana Gunderson, both of Astoria; a son Bill Gunderson III and his wife Tracey, of Seattle; three grandchildren, Kirsten, Bill and Skylar Gunderson; two sisters, Sonja Stamm and Karen O'Kelley; and several extended family members.

A memorial and celebration of life will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 18, at the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book can be signed at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

**Mildred 'Millie' Carlstrom
Knappa-Svensen resident, 93**

Millie Carlstrom died Saturday, July 7, 2012, in Springfield, Oregon from congestive heart failure. She lived most of her life in the Knappa/Svensen area before moving to a Springfield retirement center with her husband, Ken, in 2006. She was very active in that community until a few months before her death.

Millie was born May 17, 1919 in Astoria, Oregon to August and Annie Haglund Wallin. She graduated from Knappa High School and attended Oregon State College. In 1938 she represented her high school as the Astoria Regatta Princess.

On August 24, 1946 she married Kenneth Carlstrom. He died in 2007. Millie worked for 14 years at the Astoria Apparel women's clothing store as a clerk, buyer and book-



keeper. She was active in the Clatsop country Home Extension, serving a term as president. She was also a 50 year member of Eastern Star. Millie loved watching professional basketball and especially followed the Portland Blazers.

Millie and Ken attended Crossroads Community Church in Svensen for many years. They were active members of two square dance club and loved to spend winters in Arizona and Palm Springs in their motor home.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law Luanne and Jeff Lynn; granddaughter Tiffany Kinney and her husband, Jeff; grandson Tyler Lynn and his wife, Sheri; and 5 great-grandchildren; Audrey Kinney, Preston Kenney, Sophis Lynn, Chloe Lynn and August Lynn. She was preceded in death by her husband and an adopted son Jerry Haglund.

A service will be held Saturday July 14, 2:00 at Ocean View Cemetery Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be sent to Knappa Schools Foundation, 41535 Old Hwy 30, Astoria, OR 97103



**Barbara Mae 'Barb' Tenny
Lifelong Astoria resident, 74**

Barbara Mae "Barb" Tenny, 74, of Astoria died Friday, May 13, 2011 in Portland.

She was born February 9, 1937 in Astoria, to Lloyd and Edith (Moberg) Stephens.

She graduated from Astoria High School.

On November 15, 1958, she married Robert L. "Bobby" Tenny in Astoria. He preceded her in death in September 1980.

Mrs. Tenny worked as an office manager for TP Freightlines in Astoria for more than 25 years, retiring in 2003.

She was involved with many community activities, including the Columbia River Maritime Museum. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and the Elks Lodge.

Family members said she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Her most treasured times were with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter, Tracy Disbrow and her husband, Don; two grandchildren, Mollee Bighill and Ben Gildow; and a step-granddaughter, Kristina Disbrow. They all reside in Warrenton.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tamara L. Tenny.

A memorial was held at 4 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2012 at Hughes Ransom Cremation & Mortuaries, 576 12th Street, Astoria. A gathering for friends and family followed at the Warrenton Community Center, 225 S. Main Avenue in Warrenton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, OR 97103

We apologize for not getting this obituary in an earlier edition. Editor

Glenn 'Glenny' Meier
Jewell resident, 81

Glenn "Glenny" Meier, 81, of Jewell, died Saturday, Sep. 1, 2012 in Bellevue, Wash.

He was born Nov. 3, 1930, in Clatskanie, to Edwin and Olga Meier.

After graduating from Jewell High School, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force, followed by four years in the Air Force Reserve.

After completing his service, Mr. Meier came home and ran the family saw mill with his brothers. During his working career, he saw milled, worked in the woods and raised beef cattle on the family farm.

He was a lifelong member of the Clatsop County Livestock Association and the Oregon State Grange Association.

He is survived by a nephew, Karl Meier and his wife, Denise, of Jewell; two nieces, Lisa Carkin and her husband, Jim, of Gaston, and Lorrie Sutherland and her husband, Brian, of Salem; 11 great-nieces and nephews, Kyle Meier and his wife, Kelsey, Matt Meier and his wife, Jamie, Tim and Amber Meier, Brian Meier and his wife, Renee, Angie Petsu and her husband, Kevin, Jared Carkin and his wife, Stephanie, Andrew Carkin, Nick Carkin and his wife, Richelle, Anna Oeffner and her husband Scott, and Alex Sutherland; and 10 great-great-nieces and nephews, Keegan, Lilly, Gunner and Ruger Meier, Sammy and Ellie Carkin, Emma and Ethan Oeffner and Wyatt and Avrie Petsu.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Don and Kenneth Meier, nephew, John Meier; and great-nephew, Tyler Sutherland.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Jewell Cemetery. A potluck will follow at the Jewell School Cafeteria.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Clatsop County Livestock Association Scholarship Fund, 97350 Autio Loop, Astoria, OR 97103.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at www.hughes-ransom.com



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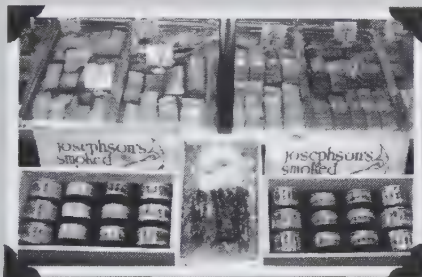
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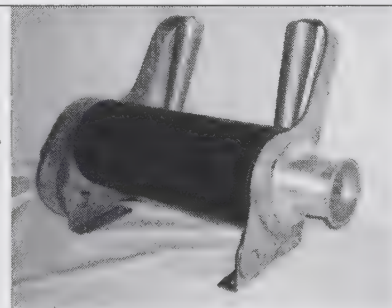
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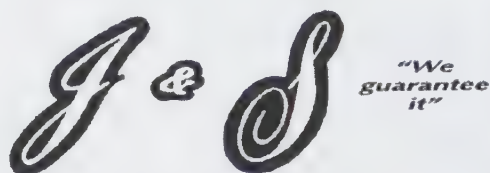
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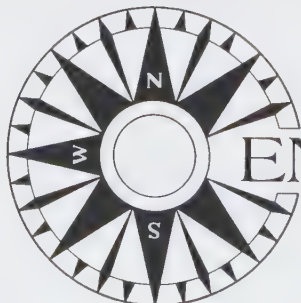
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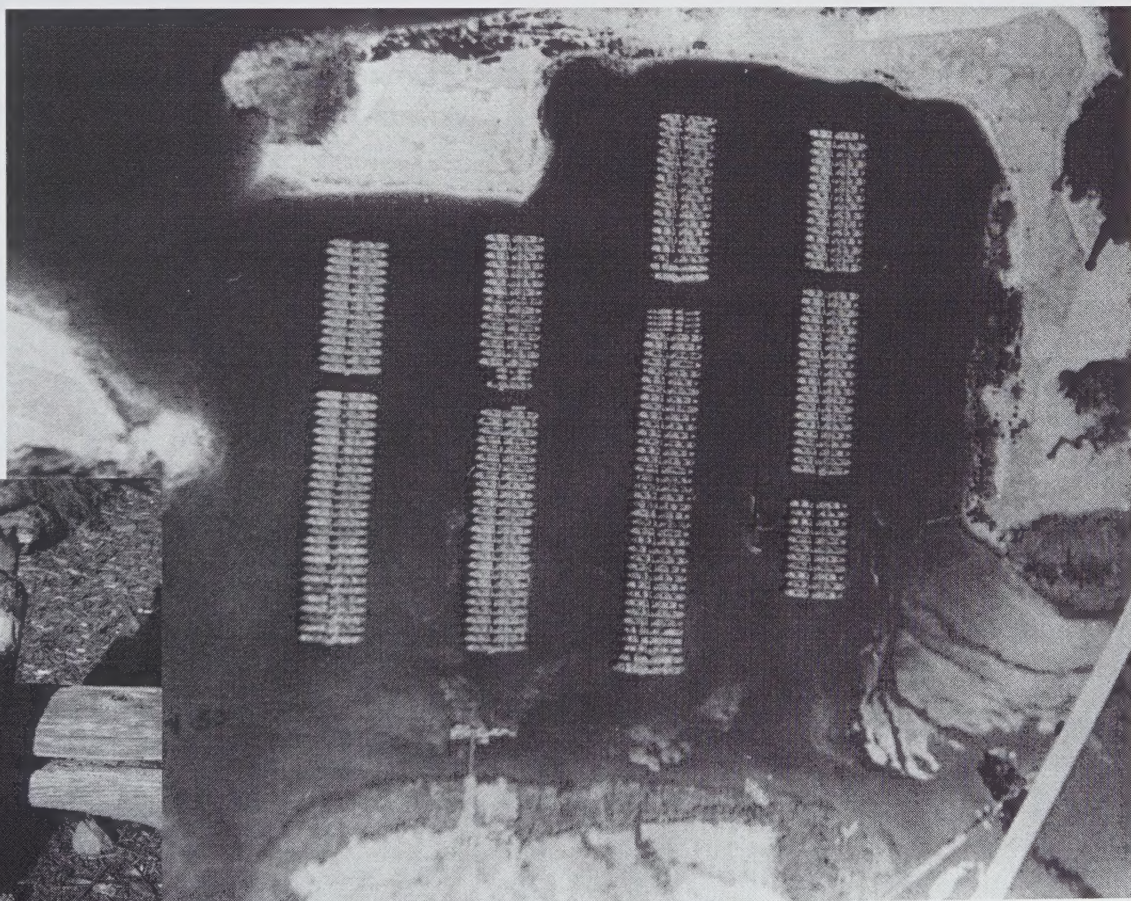
The two Gillnet boats docked at the Skamokawa Moorage were correctly identified by several people including Dan Stephens, Terry Tarabochia, Russ Gray and Monte Gourly.

The forward stern reel Gillnetter is Keith Hillsbery's "Lady" and the Bow-picker behind it is Chris Boldt's.

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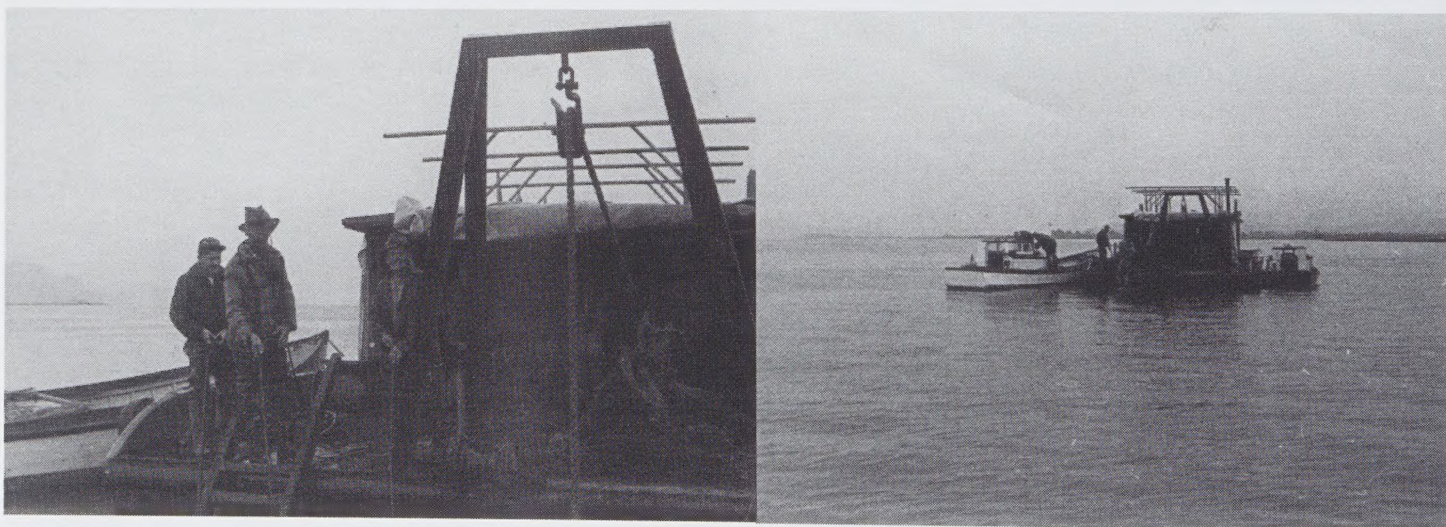


This venerable old wooden stern reel Gillnet boat has returned to Astoria after 50 years away. It was built, on line, here at the CRPA Bumble Bee shipyard on Youngs Bay for the Alaska Sockeye Red Salmon fishery in 1962.

The Columbia River maritime Museum recently acquired the old native through a donation from the Walsh Family of Eastern Washington. They had picked up the boat from Naknek, Alaska but decided that it would have a better retirement home here in Astoria at the Maritime Museum.

Curator Jeff Smith checked the old veteran over carefully before closing the deal and found it to be in remarkably good condition. After some refurbishing and paint in storage, it will be made available for public viewing.

Photo by Jim Allen



CRFPU SNAG SCOW

Typical Columbia River Gillnetter activity in helping to keep the river clear and clean of debris. This the Brownsport Drift, 1950. Bill Whitten, diver; Dave Hillsbery, tender; Art Yaakola, fisherman; Armas Pentilla, fisherman operating scow.



Maritime Memorial under Astoria Bridge in Uniontown - Memorial Day, 2012.

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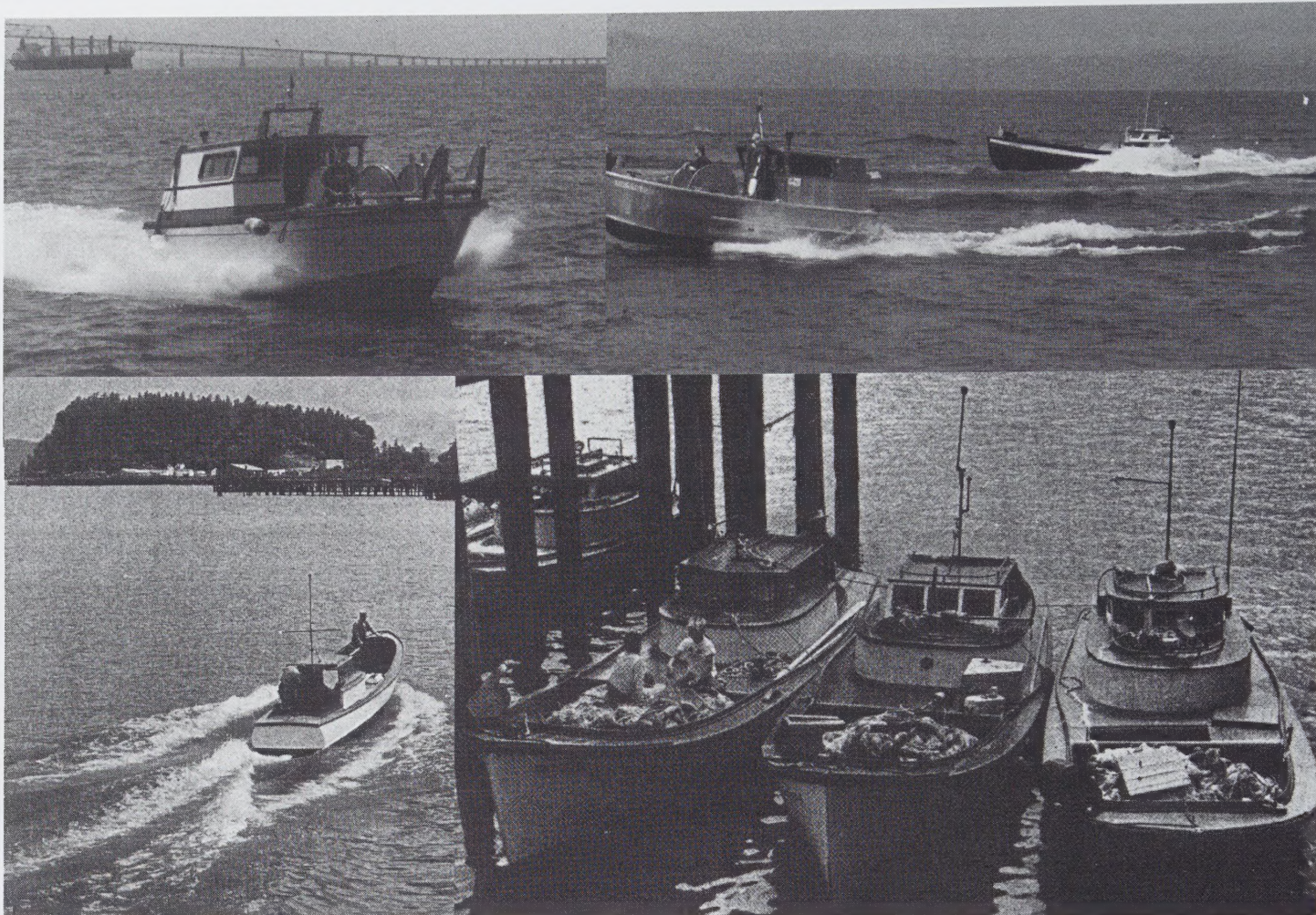
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